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FOR: IMMUNOCOMPETENT CELL ACTIVATION INHIBITOR AND USE  
THEREOF

**RESTRICTION RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 14, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claim 22 (now claims 24-42) (drawn to a method for treatment of diseases caused by activation of immunocompetent cells, characterized in administering the therapeutic agent comprising an antibody to osteopontin or peptide fragment thereof), for examination.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.